

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

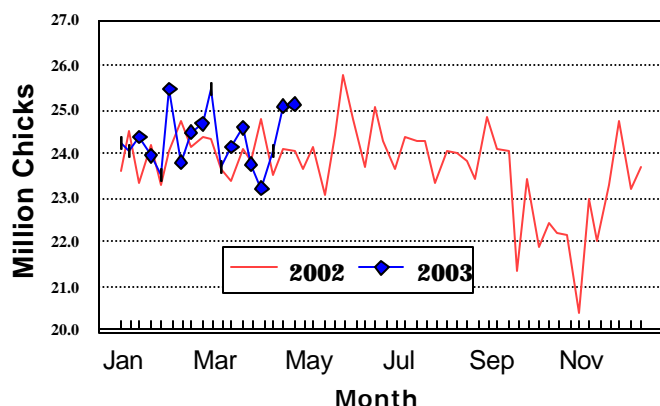
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.1 million during the week ending May 3, 2003. Placements were up 4 percent from comparable week in 2002, and up fractionally from the previous week, and included 3.0 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 3, 2003 were 437.9 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.5 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.4 percent.

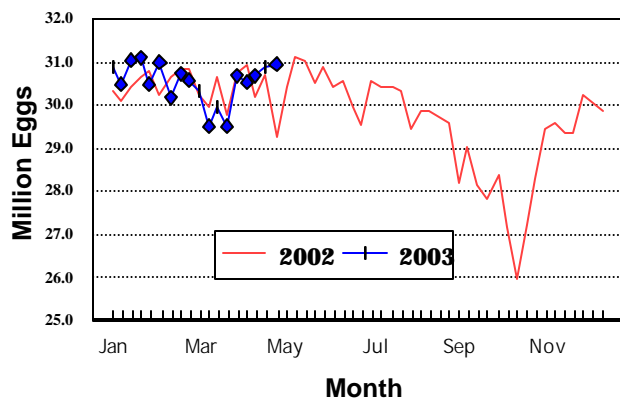
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 3, 2003, up 6 percent from the same period last year, and up slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
Mar. 29	24,097	24,592	102	25,067	25,098	100	29,747	29,511	99
Apr. 5	23,859	23,750	100	24,711	24,422	99	30,730	30,672	100
Apr. 12	24,801	23,255	94	25,468	24,831	98	30,962	30,527	99
Apr. 19	23,507	24,054	102	24,659	24,651	100	30,175	30,670	102
Apr. 26	24,099	25,096	104	25,454	25,456	100	30,698	30,900	101
May. 3	24,077	25,120	104	25,694	25,470	99	29,253	30,946	106

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



# **BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	03-May		29-Mar	05-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	26-Apr	03-May	
Alabama	28,893 *	28,250	28,719	28,660	96	21,078	21,442	21,439	21,366	21,554	21,936	102
ARKANSAS	30,527	30,670	30,900	30,946	106	24,592	23,750	23,255	24,054	25,096	25,120	104
Delaware	3,753	4,007	3,634	3,699	102	5,270	5,258	4,973	5,266	5,899	5,681	107
Florida	1,581 *	1,602	1,731	1,643	68	1,632	1,608	1,892	1,638	1,634	1,651	69
Georgia	32,157 *	31,700	31,795	31,864	101	25,472	25,057	25,162	24,127	25,828 *	26,407	101
Kentucky	6,130 *	6,318 *	6,693 *	6,707	94	5,171	5,324	5,945	5,717	6,053 *	5,138	95
Maryland	10,069	9,924	9,613	9,555	95	6,258	6,592	6,341	5,945	5,600	5,878	95
Mississippi	19,231	19,037	18,575	19,109	100	16,390	16,209	16,425	16,572	16,549	16,217	101
N. Carolina	18,923 *	19,253	19,275	18,815	96	15,134	14,897	15,268	15,033	14,780	15,050	99
Oklahoma	6,458	6,513	6,511	6,498	101	4,357	4,850	5,474	4,389	4,424	4,181	121
Pennsylvania	3,929	3,653 *	3,639 *	3,795	100	2,713	2,655	2,565	2,679 *	2,602 *	2,707	99
S. Carolina	4,958	4,578	4,771	4,858	107	4,020	4,201	3,498	4,088	4,206	3,380	88
Texas	15,153	15,220	15,012	15,045	97	12,265	12,194	11,888	12,314	12,405	12,583	103
Virginia	6,502	6,692	6,628	6,626	101	5,407	5,358	5,149	5,506	5,986	5,849	113
CAL,MO,TN,WV	20,867	20,405	21,018 *	20,804	101	19,566	18,468	19,508	18,310	18,417 *	19,717	86
Total 2003	209,131 *	207,822 *	208,514 *	208,624		169,325	167,863	168,782	167,004 *	171,033 *	171,495	
Total 2002	211,681	211,242	210,178	209,812		170,726	168,672	169,829	168,903	172,792	172,635	
% Prev. Year	99	98	99	99		99	100	99	99	99	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						17-May	24-May	31-May	07-Jun	14-Jun	21-Jun	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## **EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 209 million eggs during the week ending May 3, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 3, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through May 3, 2003 were 3.00 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.